FISCAL NOTE

SB 1426 - HB 1037

March 7, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a commissioner-at-large, within the Tennessee Claims Commission. The commissioner-at-large shall be appointed to a six year term. Each commissioner shall have the authority to hear and determine claims against the state and to respond appropriately to matters such as recusal and workload assignment. Commissioners from the three grand divisions, in consultation with the commissioner-at-large shall assign or transfer an appropriate number of claims to the docket of the commissioner-at-large in order to maintain an approximately equal workload among all of the commissioners.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$214,700 Recurring \$31,400 One-Time

Cost estimates reflect the establishment of salary and related expenses for a commissioner-at-large and two staff positions, office space, equipment, travel and related expenses necessary to hear and determine claims against the state.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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